

Solid Waste Alternatives Program Advisory Council
State Capitol Building Room 305
November 13, 2008
12:00 p.m.

Minutes

12:00 p.m. Meeting Begins

12:15 p.m. Public Participation Period (3 Minutes Per Person)

Tom Hadden - absent

Approval of Agenda

DECISION ITEM

No discussion

Motion and 2nd to approve Unanimous approval

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Breaking Out Planning Areas/Fee Structure/Flexibility

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EMS dedicated SWAP funding, who will benefit?

We need a way to figure different tonnage fees.

We need a legislative change for a service area (vs. planning area) to participate.

The planning area as a whole is evaluated for the non-participant's goal progress determination.

- Scenarios (see handout)

1. One county, some cities participate, some don't. It's hard to split out these areas, and hard to track. Cities all need to participate.
2. Multi-County (2 or more) PA with single landfill, no transfer station. Everything is directly hauled to landfill.
3. Multi-county (3 or more) with single landfill serving Counties 1 & 3. Transfer station receives waste only from County 2 and sends it to LDF in County 3.
4. Multiple Counties, multiple landfills....does not apply to transfer stations. The landfill pays the fees. Still has to go through the planning area, even if only 1 county participates. We'll be excluding several areas if we don't allow this scenario.

We can't allow a multi-county planning area to split out all 6 of the items among each county. It's not fair to split out these things, they need to be done as a whole.

We need to decide about the planning area language. Are we allowing it to break down? If yes, we need a legislative change. Will we allow it for this first round? We need the initial effort by 1 to help push the rest of the area.

What if there are more issues that come up? Should we just leave it as is for the first round?

This is a pilot, and it's not a bad thing to expand/improve upon it. We need to be careful on opening up legislation. Don't create incentive to break-up planning areas.

When we send the letter out, tell people to be prepared to address all of the items in the planning area.

If we want to do something different, the Code has to reflect it.

We should start a list of changes, but we don't want to do it in little bits at a time.

Can the planning area be the host of the application, but they can designate a specific area to participate as the pilot?

We need clear cut parameters. Permitted service area is the cleanest. We can let people know we are open to the planning area being the host and breaking it down to a county level.

Discussion: larger planning areas don't have incentives to do anything. They don't have incentive now anyway. It may not be bad for them to break up if that's the only way to bring people along. This doesn't make the disincentive worse than what is already in place.

The planning area may designate a permitted landfill service area as their EMS pilot. (This would still fall under the law) The EMS benefits (HF2570 incentives) apply only to that designee. (Goal progress still happens region wide).

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Unanimous approval

EMS Elements Definitions (Brian, Mary, Scott, Tony)

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Comma after "identified" in #4

#3 change to "The organization must identify" (this makes it present and future tense)

#4 take "or goals" out.

#5 Scott's change is good

#6 "As part of reviewing the draft of the action plan, conduct an inventory..."

#7 "will" instead of "would", "have been identified as having an interest, stake, or role" keep Scott's change

#8 Scott's change is good

#9 "the function of each component and its effectiveness" (assessment is analytical and measurements) Add: "Assessment is the process of drawing conclusions from the performance measurements."

#10 "Reevaluation and modification: The reevaluation and modification element is an activity that allows an organization to improve and strengthen the EMS on an ongoing basis. This element considers areas where the EMS has met, exceeded, or failed to meet expectations. Identify root causes of those outcomes, and develop additional goals and activities appropriate to each.

It's an opportunity to realize the organization's commitment to continuous improvement and should not be looked upon negatively."

Becky will email this out again.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Initial Application Letter (Tom Hadden)

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Becky will re-send the letter and we will discuss at the next meeting. Jen Jordan will compile comments, email changes to Jen by November 27th. Why do you want to do this?

We need to add the service area language into it.

Ask what questions they have.

Draft of application form (for the 2nd cut)

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The SWAP format is a good basis for what we want to do. People are familiar with this system.

Should we develop a committee?

We need criteria. Do we let the pilots help create it?

Area Served/geographic diversity

Economic resources

Demographics

Project Sustainability?

Help us to understand how this program will help you.

The comprehensive plan itself isn't enough. Make them do the leg work to provide us the information.

The application is not for them to submit the EMS. We are initially looking for application to be in the pilot project.

We could create a small group to tackle criteria/recommendations of what needs to be addressed in the application. Sara, Shelly, Sheri.

Tom sent an email regarding a 3rd party to assist in the process. Topic for next meeting.

Should we gauge the interest prior to putting together the application. (get the letter out first)

Scheduling Future Meetings

- December 15, 9 a.m. (12th has been cancelled)
State Capitol Building Room 305

Adjourn

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Homework/Parking Lot

- Becky will email out the DNR revised EMS Definitions
- Review EMS Elements Definitions – send comments to Becky/Alex.
- Becky will email out the Planning area letter
- Review Planning Area letter - comments to Jen Jordan by 11-27-08.
- Criteria/recommendations for application form - Sara, Shelly, Sheri
- Brian will look into 3rd party assistance with EMS Development.

Next Meeting Topics

- EMS Elements Definitions
- Initial Application Letter
- Tom's email
- Criteria/recommendations for application form - Sara, Shelly, Sheri

Sign In

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